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MEMORANDUM

To: U - Mr. Webb

Through: S/S

From: R - W. Park Armstrong, JR.

Subject: Progress in Interdepartmental Intelligence Coordination.

1. On February 15th an agreement was consummated between the Department and the Intelligence Division of the Army which represents, in my opinion, a significant forward step in the clarification of departmental intelligence responsibilities and toward better interdepartmental coordination.

2. Essentially, the agreement with the Army provides that it discontinue its activities in the fields of basic political and sociological (and some economic) intelligence and rely in the future upon the Department for such intelligence of those kinds as it may require. This does not mean that the Army will withdraw entirely from the fields of political and sociological intelligence, for both they and we recognize the impossibility of attaining an absolute demarcation between military and political matters, but it does mean that the Army hereafter will greatly reduce its activities in, and personnel assigned to, those fields and confine them to matters of current interest only.

3. This step is consonant with recommendations of the Dulles Committee Report, and it is hoped that further implementation of the Report's recommendations can be accomplished in the near future.

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